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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know why these people should not be given the same training as is given to midwives in the schools already existing under Government?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not think it is possible."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"In reply to a previous supplementary question the Hon. the Minister stated that if they were trained they would be employed. May I know whether Government will guarantee their appointments?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No, no."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the local boards have been asked to submit a report as to the work of these health visitors?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not know."

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—"In the answer to clause (f) it is stated that 'courses of studies in the school have not been formally approved by Government.' If that be so, why should Government give this sum of six thousand rupees as a grant for a course of study which is not approved by them?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Course of studies means curriculum. That is a technical matter and it does not require the approval of Government."

Government Order insisting on the appointment of lady doctors as a condition precedent to the appointment of health visitors for the promotion of maternity and child-welfare schemes.

* 371 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently issued orders that the appointment of lady doctors under local bodies and municipalities should precede the appointment of health visitors for promoting maternity and child-welfare schemes;

(*b*) whether the Government have laid down in any order issued by them the duties of lady doctors, health visitors and widwives;

(*c*) whether they have prescribed their salaries also; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House all the orders passed by them on the subject of maternity and child-welfare since the appointment of the Assistant Director of Public Health (Maternity and Child Welfare) was sanctioned?

A.—(*a*) In paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 2514, P.H., dated the 29th October 1934, the Government have stated that where finances permit, a woman medical officer should be placed in immediate charge of maternity relief and child-welfare work started by local boards and municipalities.

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They have not stated specifically that the appointment of lady doctors under local bodies should precede the appointment of health visitors.

(*b*) Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 82, P.H., dated the 12th January 1935, laying down the duties of women medical officers, health visitors and midwives employed on maternity relief and child-welfare work.

(*c*) In the case of district boards, the Government have already fixed the scales of pay for the above classes of servants—vide G.O. No. 2884, P.H., dated the 17th December 1934. The question of fixing similar scales of pay for such staff under municipal councils is under consideration.

(*d*) The following Government Orders are placed on the table of the House [a]:—

(1) G.O. No. 638, P.H., dated the 9th March 1934.
(2) G.Os. No. 2240, P.H., dated the 25th September 1934 and No. 2804, P.H., dated the 3rd December 1934.
(3) G.O. No. 2514, P.H., dated the 29th October 1934.
(4) G.O. No. 2884, P.H., dated the 17th December 1934.
(5) G.O. No. 82, P.H., dated the 12th January 1935.
(6) G.O. No. 2248, P.H., dated the 31st August 1935.

Refusal of sanction by Government for the appointment of health visitors by local boards and municipalities.

* 372 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any local body or municipality applied to the Government to sanction the appointment of health visitors under them;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the names of the local bodies and the municipalities are;

(*c*) whether the Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society has always offered to pay subsidy equal to half the salary of the health visitor to local bodies and municipalities that wish to appoint health visitors;

(*d*) whether in spite of such an offer the Government have refused to sanction the appointment of health visitors;

(*e*) whether it is the view of the Government that the school for the training of health visitors is superfluous; and

(*f*) whether there is any proposal under consideration to train lady doctors as health visitors before they are appointed by the local bodies and municipalities to promote and supervise Child Welfare and Maternity schemes?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 411–422 infra.